

**NIEHS**National Institute of
Environmental Health Sciences

National Trainers Exchange for DOE Safety and Health Trainers

WHAT IS A TRAINERS EXCHANGE?

A trainers exchange is designed for trainers to share best practices and new techniques through a series of workshops conducted by the trainers themselves. The goals are to meet and share ideas about how to create more effective and empowering training, improve training skills, and exchange best practices and techniques.

The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Worker Education and Training Program (NIEHS WETP) will hold a National Trainers Exchange for safety and health trainers funded under its DOE Nuclear Worker Training Program. NIEHS WETP in partnership with the DOE funds eight consortia to provide safety and health training to the people who make up the workforce engaged in environmental restoration activities at DOE nuclear weapons sites. Over 35,000 workers are trained annually under this program.

Key to the success of this program is a core of skilled, motivated trainers. This includes worker trainers - peers who combine their on the job knowledge and credibility with solid instructional skills. A trainers exchange is designed for these trainers to share best practices and new techniques through a series of workshops conducted by the trainers themselves. NIEHS WETP has conducted a series of similar exchanges with documented success in achieving these goals.

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Save the Date and Request for Session Proposals

May 7-8, 2012

Holiday Inn Downtown Knoxville Worlds Fair Park, Knoxville, TN

CALL FOR SESSION PROPOSALS

NIEHS WETP awardees, DOE staff, contractors and subcontractors and trainers are invited to submit proposals. The goal of these sessions is to take a topic such as lockout/tagout and to demonstrate a training approach, sharing lessons learned or best practices. The presenter should be prepared to present not only the technical content but also how the participants may incorporate the information into their training (e.g., provide instructions on how to access existing materials and/or examples of handouts, electronic materials, or directions for hands-on activities so that participants can develop their own resources).

These workshops will be grouped into tracks.

The tracks are:

- **Advanced Training Technologies** such as improving powerpoint presentations;
- **Instructor Development** such as the use of small group activities and the role of evaluation;
- **Training Challenges** such as literacy, language barriers, and a younger workforce; and
- **Technical Updates** such as lockout/tagout or personal protective equipment.

All proposed workshops should fit into one of the tracks.

Please Note: Workshop sessions will be 90 minutes in length with at least 30 minutes dedicated to discussion.

Travel support may be available for accepted session proposals.

For more information on the DOE Trainers Exchange, please visit <http://tools.niehs.nih.gov/wetp/events.cfm?id=2516>. To submit your workshop abstract, please visit <http://tools.niehs.nih.gov/wetp/abstracts/abstract5.cfm>. Please submit your workshop proposals on or before March 16, 2012.

If you have any questions regarding the abstract or the abstract submittal form, please contact Dusty Russell at the National Clearinghouse for Worker Safety and Health Training at 202-331-7733 or drussell@michaeldbaker.com.